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## A word from our President



It's hard to believe we are already a quarter of the way through the year! Although 2016 seems like a long time ago we want to thank all of our wonderful supporters. With your help, we are making a huge difference to the lives of the orphaned orangutans at the OFI Care Centre, and continue to give them hope for the future!

### Here's what you helped us do in 2016:

#### Orangutan Care Centre and Quarantine facility

OFI currently cares for over 330 orangutans at the Care Centre. These orangutans have been orphaned due to the destruction of their habitat for palm oil plantations, illegal logging and mining. The Care Centre is a half-way house for orangutans where we provide them with food, shelter, love and attention until they are old enough to be released back into the wild.

#### Activities:

- ♥ \$100,000 was provided to construct a Haha (an area of forest surrounded by a dry moat and concrete wall) providing a large enclosed space for the daily release of orangutans. This huge area will be used as a training ground to give rehabilitated orangutans the freedom to fine tune their forest skills and be assessed for permanent release.
- ♥ \$39,500 was also provided for a self-sufficient staff camp to be built adjacent to the Haha, which includes a concrete house with 4 rooms for accommodation, kitchen, water storage and water tower, bore well, generator and solar power.



## News from the Field

### OFI releases 10 rehabilitated orangutans back to the wild!

In February, Orangutan Foundation International (OFI) released ten rehabilitated wild born ex-captive orangutans into the Rimba Raya Biodiversity Reserve forest. The Reserve is primary peat swamp forest, ideal orangutan habitat.

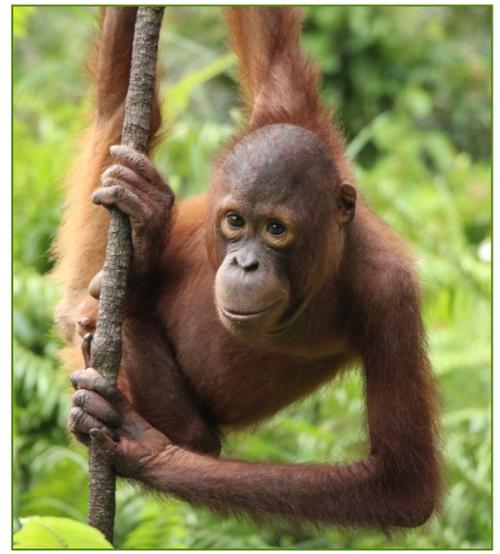


These orangutans, originally orphaned by deforestation, didn't hesitate to climb high into the trees as soon as they were released from their transport cages.

This is wonderful news for OFI and the rehabilitated orangutans who have now been returned to their wild home!

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- ♥ \$44,000 was donated towards the construction of new orangutan sleeping enclosures at the OFI Care Centre and in the Quarantine area.
- ♥ A \$24,300 contribution was made to the OFI Care Centre to providing general care, essential supplies and food for the orangutans.
- ♥ \$3,400 was donated to provide physiotherapy exercises, therapeutic massage, enrichment and daily forest outings for our special foster orangutan Hockey who is paralysed therefore cannot be released back into the wild.
- ♥ Vast amounts of enrichment items, nappies, vitamins and essential medical supplies were donated by eco tour participants.



## 2016 Reforestation Appeal

In 2015, almost one third of The Orangutan Legacy Forest burned to the ground. To save it we must source, plant and nurture saplings and seeds, and when mature, replant them in the burnt area of The Orangutan Legacy Forest.



### Activities:

- ♥ The OFI Australia 2016 Reforestation appeal raised over \$14,000.
- ♥ OFI Australia purchased a truck equipped with two huge water bins and pressure pumps so it can be used as a "fire engine" during fire seasons. The truck is also used to deliver food and to transport orangutans for rehabilitation and releases.
- ♥ A \$15,000 grant was received from Australian Ethical which will be used to construct herbariums to plant and nurture saplings and seeds.

## The Orangutan Legacy Forest and Land Purchase

We continue to raise funds to extend The Orangutan Legacy Forest, purchasing and permanently protecting forest from poachers, palm oil plantations, illegal loggers and miners, thus creating a large, protected and interconnected orangutan habitat 'sanctuary'. In 2016, \$20,000 was used to purchase a rubber plantation to extend The Orangutan Legacy Forest and we continue to encourage other local land owners to sell parcels of land to us.

We are so proud of our achievements and simply cant thank you enough for your support in 2016. We hope you will continue to support our efforts in 2017.

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**Kobe Steele, President, OFI Australia**

## Thank you Australian Ethical!

Thank you to Australian Ethical members, shareholders and staff for awarding OFI Australia with a \$15,000 grant towards The Orangutan Legacy Forest Reforestation project. These funds will be used to collect seeds and saplings, construct nurseries and purchase equipment and soil so we can begin to replant the areas of forest that were burnt in the 2015 forest fires. We truly appreciate your support!!



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# Introducing little orphan Holland, the latest addition to the OFI Australia foster program

Since her arrival at Pondok Danielle, OFI's orangutan nursery, Holland has won the hearts of OFI caregivers and volunteers alike. She is a particularly adorable infant orangutan. There is something about her soulful eyes and quiet charm that people find captivating.



Holland had a rough start. The loss of her mother and the burns on her hand when she arrived at OFI tell us of her tragic past. There is no way for us to know for sure what happened but it appears she was captured and her mother killed in a fire.

Holland arrived at our Care Centre an orphan, but she has found a loving surrogate mother in Ibu Yeti, the coordinator of Pondok Danielle, who cares for little Holland as if she was her own child. This maternal connection is very important to orphaned orangutans who crave the affection and require the attention of their mother until they reach adolescence.



Despite the tragedies of her past, Holland has made remarkable progress since her arrival at the Care Centre's infant nursery. Since then, she has grown rapidly, increasing from 4 kilograms to 6 kilograms in a few short months. Her caretakers happily

report that she has an excellent appetite and that she often finishes a large bottle of milk and is still hungry for her favourite treats - bananas and rambutans. Her hair has grown long and thick, often a sign of good health.

Getting to observe her progress has been a delight. Her health, intelligence and amiable nature predict a bright future for Holland. We consider ourselves privileged and pleased to be able to share her success with you as she grows.



[Click here to become a foster parent to Holland or one of our other gorgeous foster orangutans](#)



# Your love has made a difference!!

Huge love and thanks to our OFI Australia fundraising-friends who have held events and undertaken fundraising activities to raise much needed funds for OFI Australia. We truly appreciate your support!



Would you like to fundraise for OFI Australia? We are registered with [MyCause](#) and [Everyday Hero](#) to make it easy to set up your own event or join an existing community event. Please contact us if you need fundraising ideas!

## Contact us

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## Looking for the perfect Mother's Day gift?

Sunday 14th May is just around the corner! Why not foster one of our beautiful orphaned orangutans for your mum? Each Foster Kit includes biographical information about your chosen orangutan, a certificate, photos and updates on their progress every six months. Kits can be posted or emailed.



All the proceeds from sales help us in our fight to save orangutans.

**Foster an orangutan for your mum today!**

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